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SUBJ: EUROPEAN APPROACHES TO GOJ ONPOSSIBLE EC-JAPAN
DECLARATION

1. FONOFF FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION HEAD FUKADA CALLED IN
POL/COUNS MORNING OF NOV 9 TO INFORM HIM THAT
FRENCH AND BRITISH HAD INFORMALLY APPROACHED THE GOJ RECENTLY
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SEPARATE DECLARATION BETWEEN
THE EC AND JAPAN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
KISSINGER PROPOSAL. FUKADA SAID THAT THIS WAS
THE FIRST INDICATION GOJ HAS RECEIVED THAT THE EC WAS GIVING
CONSIDERATION TO SOME FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH JAPAN RATHER THAN
SIMPLY INFORMALLY PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS. FUKADA SAID THAT
THIS APPROACH MAY MEAN THAT WHILE EUROPE IS NOT EAGER
TO HAVE JAPAN INCLUDED IN WHATEVER FRAMEWORK IS DEVELOPED
BETWEEN US AND EC, EUROPEANS "DO NOT WANT TO FORGET
ABOUT JAPAN". IN THIS LIGHT, FUKADA SAID,GOJ
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APPRECIATED THE EUROPEAN APPROACH BUT IN NO WAY COMMITTED

ITSELF TO "FRENCH/BRITISH PROPOSAL". JAPAN STILL FAVORS
A GENERAL DECLARATION INVOLVING ALL OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL-
IZED DEMOCRACIES, ALTHOUGH THIS APPARENTLY IS BEOMING
TECHNICALLY MORE DIFFICULT. FUKADA SAID GOJ WELCOMES
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REASSURANCE IN HIS CONVERSATIONS
WITH AMB. YASUKAWA THAT THE US STILL SUPPORTS THE ORIGINAL
CONCEPT. JAPAN IS MAINTAINING AN UNCHANGED POSITION. JAPAN
REMAINS FLEXIBLE AS NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED, HOWEVER,
AND DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TOKYO THE GOJ WILL WISH TO
DISCUSS CURRENT STATE OF THE PROPOSAL. DEPENDING UPON
RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARY, GOJ MIGHT TAKE
ANOTHER LOOK AT ITS POSITION.

2. COMMENT: FUKADA SAID THAT THE IDEA OF "ALL THESE
SEPARATE DECLARATIONS" DID NOT PERSONALLY APPEAL TO HIM,
AND HE INFERRED HIU SENIORS ALSO RETAINED THIS VIEW. HE
EMPHASIZED GOJ NOT "IN CONVERSATION" WITH EUROPEANS CON-
CERNING RECENT INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS. WE HAVE
IMPRESSION ALL IS HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING SECRETARY'S
VISIT ON THIS, AS ON SEVERAL SUBJECT.
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